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USFK Good Neighbor English Camp

- 1. Community Relations activities and student-to-student contacts are two primary components of our Good Neighbor Program. The USFK Good Neighbor English Camp at Yongsan is one of those wonderful events that allow us to leverage both simultaneously. This youth outreach program is designed to positively impact future Korean leaders by introducing them to USFK's mission and role through organized, interactive and educational activities. The goal is that the camp participants will become "Goodwill Ambassadors" as they relay their experiences to friends, classmates, teachers and families.
- 2. This year, Yongsan will support its fifth English Camp by inviting Korean high school students from Seoul, Pyeongtaek and Daegu. The concept is simple. USFK runs a five-day camp for a select group of 65 Korean high school sophomores where the visiting students are immersed in an English-speaking environment as they visit USFK installations, attend U.S. high school classes, receive U.S. military briefings, see displays and interact with USFK Servicemembers. During the camp, the students live with American families in order to provide an interactive opportunity to facilitate their understanding of American family life. A sports day and picnic with their American and Korean families precedes the graduation ceremony where the Command Sergeant Major and I, along with our spouses, congratulate everyone for their participation in this great camp.
- 3. Like all other Good Neighbor activities, the English Camp depends on volunteers. Specifically we are looking for host families and students who can spend a little of their time 19 23 May be friending and assisting a Korean student. This is a chance for each of you to personally make a difference in Korean-American relations and to strengthen the alliance.
- 4. I would like to ask those of you who can, to volunteer and support this fantastic opportunity to expose local students to American culture and have a lot of fun doing it. To volunteer as a host family for the Yongsan Good Neighbor English Camp, <u>click here</u> or visit the <u>USFK website</u>. You may also volunteer by calling 723-4685/7669 or sending an e-mail to <u>paocr@korea.army.mil</u>.

Katchi Kapshida!

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